

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	TYAGI, et al.	Examiner:	DIANA B. JOHANNSEN
Serial No.:	10/560,605	Group Art Unit:	1634
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Title:	MUTANTS OF MYCOBACTERIA AND PROCESS THEREOF		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 16, 2009. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 3-4, 7-11, 16, 18, 22 and 27, and claims 1-2, 13-15, 20-21 and 24-26 in part, drawn to mptbA nucleic acids (including SEQ ID NOS 15, 11, 13, "pAK A"" and the primers of SEQ D NOS 1-4) and methods employing them, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate.

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Reply to Office Action dated 12-16-2009

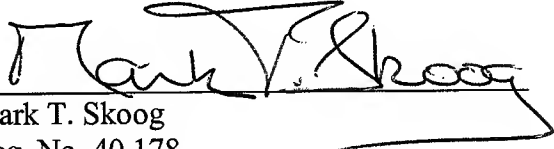
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